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Claims

5 1. An airbag for a vehicle occupant restraint system, said airbag comprising an airbag wall which has a front wall facing an occupant to be restrained, a back wall and a side wall, said front wall and said back wall being connected to each other by means of a detachable connection, said connection between said front wall and said back wall being severed by an unfolding of said side wall when said airbag is inflated.

10 2. The airbag according to Claim 1, wherein said detachable connection is formed by at least one loop attached to said front wall and to said back wall, respectively, said loops being connected to each other by a latching element.

3. The airbag according to Claim 2, wherein said latching element is a traction cable that is attached at one end to said side wall.